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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/625,851	Applicant(s) HOSOKAWA, TOSHIYUKI	
	Examiner Donghai D. Nguyen	Art Unit 3729	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on June 30, 2006 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) The invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 5,347,651 to Inoue et al.

Regarding claim 1, Inoue et al disclose a process for mounting a plurality of parts to a cable (20) comprising: mounting the plurality of parts (17A-B, 18A-F, see Fig. 3) to the cable (51) in mounted positions which are intermediate between opposite ends of cable (51, see Fig. 4) and in mounted attitudes, the mounted position and the mounted attitudes being determined respectively for the parts (See Figs. 6-7), and marking the cable with information (See Fig. 6) for the mounting of each of the pads is before the mounting of the parts (See Col. 2, lines 33-54).

Regarding claim 2, Inoue et al the information comprises a name, the mounting position and attitude of each of the parts (See Col. 1, line 16-19).

Regarding claim 3, Inoue et al disclose marking is carried out at a step of cutting the cable into a predetermined length (See Col. 2, lines 33-41).

4. Additionally, claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP Publication 06-223,639 to Yazawa.

Yazawa discloses a process for mounting a plurality of parts to a cable (1) comprising: mounting the plurality of parts (10/11, see Fig. 3) to the cable (1) in mounted positions which are intermediate between opposite ends of cable (1, see Figs. 1a and 3b. Note that the cable being cut at position intermediate between opposite ends of cable) and in mounted attitudes, the mounted position and the mounted attitudes being determined respectively for the parts (See Fig. 3), and marking the cable with information (See Fig. 1) for the mounting of each of the pads is before the mounting of the parts (See Abstract).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed June 30, 2006 regarding the rejected claims 1-3 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Inoue et al and Yazawa do not teach, "the mounted positions which is intermediate between opposite end of the cable". The Examiner disagrees because in Fig. 4 of Inoue et al reference shows the cable (51) being marked (by making unit 8) in between opposite ends of the cable (51) wherein the marked positions indicates the mounting positions of parts (18F, see Fig. 6). Furthermore, Fig. 1a of Yazawa

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shows the mounting locations having marking information (2) is in between the two ends of the cable (1), wherein the marked positions indicates the mounting positions of parts (10/11, see Fig. 3b).

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Prior art reference cited for their teaching of marking the cable with information related to parts being mounted to the cable.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Donghai D. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571)-272-4566. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (9:00-6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter D. Vo can be reached on (571)-272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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